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Docket No. R97-1

**NOTICE OF FILING OF REVISED RESPONSE
OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO INTERROGATORY OF MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION
(MMA/USPS-T32-17)**

On September 30, 1997, the United States Postal Service filed a corrected attachment to its previously filed response to interrogatory MMA/USPS-T32-1. The corrections in that attachment affect a table which was originally filed as an attachment to the Postal Service's response to MMA/USPS-T32-17 on August 27, 1997.

Accordingly, the Postal Service hereby files a revised response to MMA/USPS-T32-17. This revised response consists of the original text (to which no changes have been made) and a revised attachment, on which the BY 96 First-Class Mail 3/5 Presort volume estimates have been corrected.

The revised response to MMA/USPS-T32-17 supersedes the original response in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE OF U.S. POSTAL SERVICE TO
INTERROGATORIES OF MAJOR MAILERS ASSOCIATION
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS FRONK

MMA/USPS-T32-17. In USPS-T-32 you state (page 23) that the First-Class additional-ounce rate generated about \$4.3 billion in revenue for 1996 and (page 24) the elimination of the heavy-weight discount for presorted mail weighing more than two ounces "affects a relatively small number of mail pieces."

(A) Please provide the revenues generated in 1996 by category for First-Class Mail weighing:

- (1) more than one ounce but not more than two ounces
- (2) more than two ounces but not more than three ounces
- (3) more than three ounces but not more than four ounces
- (4) more than four ounces but not more than five ounces
- (5) more than five ounces but not more than six ounces
- (6) more than six ounces but not more than seven ounces
- (7) more than seven ounces but not more than eleven ounces

If data is not available for some ounce increments, provide combined data for a group of ounce increments as available (as, for example, ounces four through eleven).

(B) Please provide the number of mail pieces during 1996 (or the latest year for which data is available) by category for First-Class Mail weighing:

- (1) more than two ounces but not more than three ounces
- (2) more than three ounces but not more than four ounces
- (3) more than four ounces but not more than five ounces
- (4) more than five ounces but not more than six ounces
- (5) more than six ounces but not more than seven ounces
- (6) more than seven ounces but not more than eleven ounces
- (7) more than eleven ounces but not more than twelve ounces.

If data is not available for some ounce increments, provide combined data for a group of ounce increments as available (as, for example, ounces four through eleven).

RESPONSE: See attachment. With respect to question (B)(7), First-Class rates apply through 11 ounces.

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Revised Attachment to MMA/USPS-T32-17

MMA/USPS-T32-17(A)

Base Year 96 First-Class Revenue (thousands)

Service Category	Weight Increment (ounces)						
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 to 11
Non-Presort	1,804,753	972,310	676,340	539,364	437,829	367,469	1,028,693
3/5-Presort	421,042	173,057	52,890	17,194	14,540	11,420	36,683
Carrier Route	64,529	8,402	1,258	1,143	687	89	188

MMA/USPS-T32-17(B)

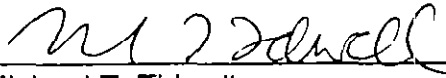
Base Year 96 First Class Pieces (thousands)

Service Category	Weight Increment (ounces)					
	3	4	5	6	7	8 to 11
Non-Presort	1,232,448	663,636	432,764	296,303	215,736	470,047
3/5-Presort	449,773	159,049	141,049	101,139	61,034	16,657
Carrier Route	12,644	1,403	1,015	507	56	95

Note. The above distributions are approximate and are based on 1996 mailing statement data and domestic RPW data.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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